

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 19 and 20 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 11 is amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 12 that has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner, and claim 12 is canceled. Claims 13, 14 and 15 are amended to depend from amended claim 11.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Obviousness Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 3, claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishioka et al in view of Kamiya et al and Aoshima.

In view of the incorporation of the recitations of claim 12 into claim 11, Applicant submits that this rejection has been overcome.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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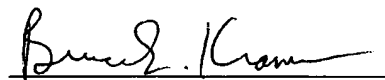
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